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O DD things happen to me.
Nice things.

Something went wrong with my telephone. . . .

I complained. I complained very loudly. And, as a result of that, I was invited to spend an afternoon of look-and-see at a London Telephone Exchange *to give me the background!* There is a lesson in this: if something goes wrong, explain; but explain so that you make it interesting . . . not so that you just show 'em! And I give the telephone people full marks for the way they tackled me.

It was a lively afternoon, where two highly responsible people in the Exchange stressed the word underlined when they mentioned the Telephone *Service*. They showed that they believe in proper consideration even when calls come in at the rate of 11,000-and-more a day, and the answering time—from the moment when you pick up your receiver and dial 100 and the moment when the operator replies—can be as swift as 7.6 seconds. . . .

The Exchange was quiet, with an active quiet movement all the time. Here, everyone was intent on the job. There was a *skilled* feeling about the whole place. If you think I understood when I looked at the dynamos and the wires and the little lights and all, you're wrong . . . but I understood one piece of service which I didn't know beforehand and that is something about a Personal Call. You pay 1/6 (or 9d. in the reduced-rate hours) to name your man or woman to whom you want to speak. Then the Exchange tries the number you give them; if your Mr. X isn't there but someone on the spot tells them he is at another number, the Exchange will go after him there . . . and so on. I got a picture of someone trying to run *me* to earth as I hounded all over London with the telephone bells after me . . .

That is only fun . . . but there is a serious side to the good relations which can be established by *proper* explanations and the right *atmosphere* in any relationship.

Too much damage in life is done when people go deadly serious . . . a lot of the good is done when they can laugh outright and enjoy themselves: *I enjoyed myself at the Telephone Exchange.*

They even made me feel quite a nice little number!

Editor: BARBARA VISE

Once a Scout

WHEN Tubby and I arrived on the Hill back in 1922, living a somewhat Bohemian life, camping out in the Porch Room, cooking our own meals, brewing cocoa for odd visitors till all hours of the night and playing a Dulcitone by way of greeting the morn with a song, we found a band of boys in blue shirts—the Lord Mayor's Own troop of Scouts. This troop of Scouts provided the choir for All Hallows as it had done since 1908 when Arthur Poyser founded it: one of the earliest troops in the Movement. Poyser was a man with a very real streak of genius and the troop grew out of his choir, already noted for its singing. In due course he became Headquarters Commissioner for Music and Singing and some of his songs, such as "Nineveh" and "The Road to Maresfield", are still sung whenever old boys of the L.M.O. get together. His tune to "The Lord is my Shepherd" became an integral part of the 9.30 Eucharist in the years between the wars and is included in the collection of hymns edited by Clive Carey a few years ago.

Among that group of boys was an outstanding Patrol Leader, a good singer with an ever-ready pen, pencil or paintbrush, always bubbling over with new ideas for the training of his patrol, which he led with well-nigh paternal care both in City and in camp, as I was to find during the years ahead when I succeeded Arthur Poyser (Bruki) as the G.S.M. of the Troop. I had arrived fresh from Oxford and Gilwell and on the resignation of Poyser, the boys asked me to take over the Troop. So began a friendship with P/L Colin Cuttell which has stood the test of forty years and abides to this day. Through all those years with P.B.C. at All Hallows, Colin with a little "inner circle" of those days saw the Troop of my dreams, putting first things first; and together we set out to make that dream come true....

We set out to build a new world on the foundation of the vision of Baden Powell: a world in which the boys of all nations should grow up to realize that they were sons of one Father: a junior League of Nations founded on the truth that "all ye are brethren". In this venture the inflexible objective of the L.M.O. was to produce leaders. They would take the place of so many of the flower of England's youth who never came back to play their part in the life of Church and Nation. With what measure of success we achieved this objective, the years between the wars bore witness. The Troop prayer charted the course and played its part in shaping many a boy's life:

A portrait of the new Vicar of All Hallows

By Padre **GEORGE MOORE, M.A.**

Father George (still "Skip" to the earliest generation) was one of Baden Powell's right-hand men in the years after the First World War. Both at the Gilwell Park woodcraft centre and at Seal Chart, Kent's renowned "School for Scouters", his was a name to conjure with.

He also ran one of the best troops in the world (so his boys believed) on Tower Hill, where as a true priest and shepherd of his flock, he built up and held together the inner life of All Hallows. Between the Wars this Father O'Flynn nurtured more vocations to the Ministry (I dare say) than any other priest in the Church of England. Colin was the first of the brood. The influence was lasting; "Once a scout, always a scout" was never more true than on Tower Hill in the Golden Age of Scouting.—Editor.*

O God our Father, who hast joined us together in the brotherhood and set us here in the heart of the world's greatest city ever to stand on guard for the things of God, help us to remember thee in the days of our youth. Do thou by our lives of sacrament and prayer deepen our love for thee and strengthen our purposes for good, that in difficulty and ease, in joy and sorrow we may dedicate our lives to thee, and in thy service quit us like men.

It was in that atmosphere that our new vicar† grew to manhood as Patrol Leader, Troop Leader, asst. Scoutmaster: till a call from that fine old priest Fr. E. Raymond Lockyer, S.S.J.E.

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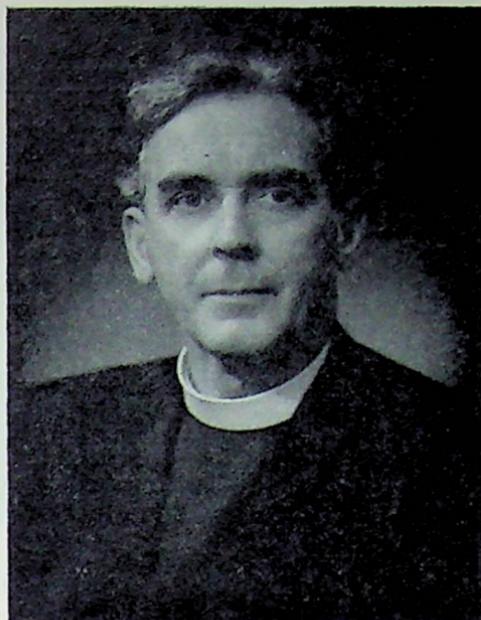
† Of All Hallows.

(Colin had been living and studying at St. Edwards House, Westminster, London House of the Cowley Fathers), for a young layman to go out and help with his youth work in Edmonton, Alberta. Colin volunteered for three and then gave fourteen years of his life to Canada. The bishop, realizing his worth after two happy years in the West, sent him to Lennoxville University in Quebec where a great figure in Scouting, Philip Carrington, later Archbishop of Quebec, was then Dean of Divinity. Colin graduated with a first class degree, was ordained and given charge of a mission of 2,500 square miles in the foothills of the Rockies. There scouts sprang into being at the touch of his white magic. The traditions of the L.M.O. became part of the life of those young Canadians as they had been in the lives of City boys and in other troops founded by old boys of the L.M.O.

THE war of 1939-1945 brought Colin back to England; on leave, as he thought. The next epic chapter of sixteen hard pioneering years is written for all men to see, in his recent book: *Ministry without Portfolio*. And not only there, but in the lives of workers in South London. He worked unceasingly from his base at the Cathedral (of which he became Canon Librarian) ministering in the business houses, riverside warehouses and factories where he became the ever-welcome padre, and even found time to build up another fine Scout group, eventually handing it over to the boys (now men) who had begun their scouting with him in 1945.

"The wheel has come full circle" indeed! He is back at the helm of the old church that produced him, with all the accumulated treasure of those forty years of widely varied experience. He inherits a glorious building, so wonderfully recreated at such tremendous cost by our well-beloved Tubby, to whom I personally owe a debt beyond all hope of repayment for those twenty years of our fruitful partnership. All Hallows as it now stands will be for ever his memorial and it may well be that the old church, "all glorious within" as the psalmist says, will again spring to new life as it did when Tubby brought a fresh wind of the spirit blowing over the Hill these forty years ago. That the City will respond to Colin's inspired leadership and that he will gather round him "a band of men whose hearts God hath touched" for the spiritual revival of the City so long overdue, is the prayer and hope of the Vicar's old S/M and lifelong friend and brother.

PORTRAIT OF
COLIN CUTTELL



*Photograph by
courtesy of
BASSANO*

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY, writes K. Pickering, was the date on which Peterborough District held their 40th birthday celebrations. They ran "A Hostess Evening" in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall. About eighty guests arrived and coffee and biscuits were served after the special guests were welcomed, including the Mayor and Mayoress and representatives from other Women's Movements in the City. Light was taken by a member from the newly-formed Friendship 1 Branch.

Jean Perry's talk followed and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Cake and wine were then handed round. The cake was made by one member and iced by another. It was cut by one of the first members to be enrolled at Peterborough.

“WE WILL REMEMBER”



HELEN NICHOLLS—*Fishponds*. 19.2.59—2.12.62
 FRANCES STOCKTON—*Builder (Crewe)*. 22.8.52—Jan. 1963
 KITTY UNWIN—*Builder (Deeside)*. 2.6.58—Jan. 1963
 E. G. HAMILTON—*Builder (Streatham)*. 30.1.61—Jan. 1963
 H. SOFFE—*Builder (Streatham)*. 1.4.58—Jan. 1963
 LOUISE GIBSON—*Builder (Streatham)*. 6.12.61—Jan. 1963
 FANNY BONES—*Elmstead*. 25.10.54—23.1.63
 EVELEEN CALLISTER—*Builder (Liverpool)*.
 17.4.59—26.12.62
 KAY COLVIN—*Liverpool*. 18.9.52—Oct. 1962
 MABLE JOHNSON—*Dersingham*. 9.2.62—31.12.62
 HETTY HILL—*Builder (Worthing Central)*
 (Former Member). 12.5.28—7.1.63
 PAMELA LIVETT—*Eastbourne*. 29.10.57—23.1.63
 GWEN EVANS—*Builder (Gravesend)* (Former Member).
 5.2.62—Nov. 1962
 LEAH SENTER—*Builder (Dersingham)*. 23.1.48—23.1.63
 ETHEL DAVIES—*Merthyr Tydfil*. 29.6.51—8.11.62
 EDITH MASON—*St. Albans*. 30.4.53—22.1.63
 NINA HAZLEDINE—*Builder (St. Albans)*
 (Former Member). 15.11.62—31.1.63
 LILY MUIRDEN—*Weybridge*. 4.11.57—22.1.63
 MAUD KEMP—*Builder (Pickhurst Green)*. 17.10.58—7.2.63
 ETHEL WALFORD—*Middleton-on-Sea*. 3.2.49—30.12.62
 KATHLEEN CHATERHOUSE—*Merstham*. 3.5.40—22.2.63
 LOTTIE JENKINSON—*Mansfield Woodhouse*.
 18.10.55—26.12.62
 MARGARET WEBB—*Mansfield Woodhouse*.
 28.10.49—30.12.62
 EVA HURRELL—*New Malden*. 1.10.41—9.2.63
 JOAN TERRY, *née Utting*—*Farnborough*. 12.2.43—22.2.63
 ELIZA METCALFE—*Builder (Owton Manor)*. 26.3.62—3.2.63
 MARY ROBERTS—*Merthyr Tydfil*. 1930—1.1.63
 JANET LEES—*Builder (Glasgow)*. 7.7.58—24.1.63
 F. SERGEANT—*Builder (Streatham)*. 16.3.59—Feb. 1963
 PHYLLIS PRESTIGE—*Builder (Streatham)*.
 12.9.57—Feb. 1963
 FLORENCE MOSLEY—*Broadwater*. 17.9.53—5.2.63
 VIOLET PULLMAN—*Malvern*. 15.10.58—Feb. 1963
 ETHEL TILBROOK—*Shoeburyness*. 24.3.53—March 1963
 ROSE PARDOE—*Netherton*. 28.2.44—7.3.63



Mrs. Godfrey pours out a cup of tea for the Mayor

By courtesy of THE EVENING ECHO, Bournemouth

"MARTHA" tosses the pancakes . . .

*. . . and brings down £5 14s. 3d. on Shrove Tuesday.
Read all about it as told by Daphne Godfrey of
Parkstone Branch, Poole*

We have just had "Martha" to help us with the Mayor of Poole's Freedom from Hunger Campaign and borrowed her so that we could run a travelling exhibition of posters, pictures and leaflets. She was driven to a different spot in the Borough of Poole each morning and afternoon.

The men of Branksome Branch gave their services as drivers, and members of Parkstone, Ferndown and Poole Women's Association manned "Martha", making cups of coffee and tea to offer to people looking at the literature. No charge was made, but a Freedom from Hunger collection box was there.

On Shrove Tuesday, we offered pancakes and because of excellent Press publicity beforehand, did a roaring trade.

"Martha" aroused much interest and was admired by many who chose to make her closer acquaintance and the men and women of Toc H worked in close harmony to make the week successful. As a result the Mayor's Appeal will be given the sum of £41—£5 14s. 3d. of which came from the pancakes "Martha" put on the market.

I feel "Martha" is a gem and a great asset to the Movement.

My first visit to a

WHEN I first heard about the Physically Handicapped's Holiday Camp needing helpers, I was eager to help. The Norfolk Society was sponsoring this idea, and the Gorleston Holiday Camp was taken over completely for two weeks, at the end of the Holiday season.

The camp houses about 300 people—holiday-makers, plus staff—and there are numerous chalets built round the main building, where accommodation is shared, also there is a fine hall with a canteen and organ for functions.

The dining hall is large enough to seat everyone at once.

Another attraction is a swimming pool with plenty of space for people to sit and watch, then there is a bar and games room.

When the Hertfordshire Group met, they came from all parts of the county, and it was wonderful the way the ambulance men fitted everyone into the coaches, plus the wheelchairs and luggage.

On arrival everyone got sorted out, and we all met for our first meal at dinner. As so many went in wheelchairs, this meant an early start to have everyone in the right place in time.

Our waiters were nearly all Spanish, and could speak little English, but perhaps they understood more than we imagined.

In any case they were most willing to help.

AFTER dinner the camp head, Mr. Ivan, introduced himself. And made everyone welcome. He told us about the various entertainments planned for each evening, besides different activities during the day time. Then "Johnny", the entertainments manager, spoke to us in his breezy fashion, cracking jokes, and asking people to tell him if their birthdays fell that week.

The head waiter, "Bob", was also introduced, and he was the one to give the birthday gift.

An organist played several times a day, and most people enjoyed a sing-song, especially the Yorkshire contingent.

My duties started by taking the "early cuppa" round to some, and then giving a helping hand before wheeling them into breakfast, and so on through the day.

The camp is about half a mile from the sea cliff, and it was possible for most of the patients to get there with assistance.

Two coach trips were made during the week, one to visit the Norfolk Broads, and the other to Ravingham Hall, the home of Lady Bacon, the President of the Norfolk Society.

HOLIDAY CAMP

We were invited into the Hall to see the Art Treasures, and after tea, were free to wander in the lovely grounds.

Some of the Norfolk Toc H men were there to help, but mostly they were Red Cross and St. John Ambulance helpers.

There were a woman doctor and nursing sister in charge.

What impressed me most was the wonderful spirit and cheerful atmosphere created by this group of people. It made me feel very humble and thankful too, that I had the health to help them in a small way.

GLADYS GWYN-JONES
(Toc H, St. Albans Branch)

ARE YOU MAKING TOC H
BETTER KNOWN—OR HUGGING
IT ALL TO YOURSELF?



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EVENING FOR DISCUSSING THE
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WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY—JUNE 12th, 1963

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY, established by a resolution of the General Assembly as one of the days in the United Nations calendar, will be observed in the United Kingdom on Wednesday, 12th June.

The Day is dedicated to the promotion of the ideals and obligations of the United Nations Charter and of the welfare of the children of the world.

Its purpose is:—

To forge a bond of sympathy and understanding between our own children and the children of other countries, particularly those less fortunate than themselves.

To encourage people to support the work of the United Nations Children's Fund and of voluntary organizations in protecting children from hunger, disease and ignorance and preparing them for a useful, happy and rewarding life.

In this country World Children's Day is organized by a Committee of members of the U.K. Committee for UNICEF, including the Save the Children Fund and representatives of the major education and youth organizations.

During the present year the people of Britain will be deeply involved in the national campaign to remove the causes of the hunger which afflicts half the world's population, old and young alike. To remind us of our special obligation to the children, from whom hunger exacts its deadliest toll of suffering and hardship, the following theme has again been selected for the Day:—

"Every hungry child is a challenge to us all."

A World Children's Day pack for school teachers, youth leaders, groups and individuals may be obtained on application, without charge. It contains:—

World Children's Day Poster.

Picture leaflet explaining the purpose of the Day.

Suggestions for activities on the Day.

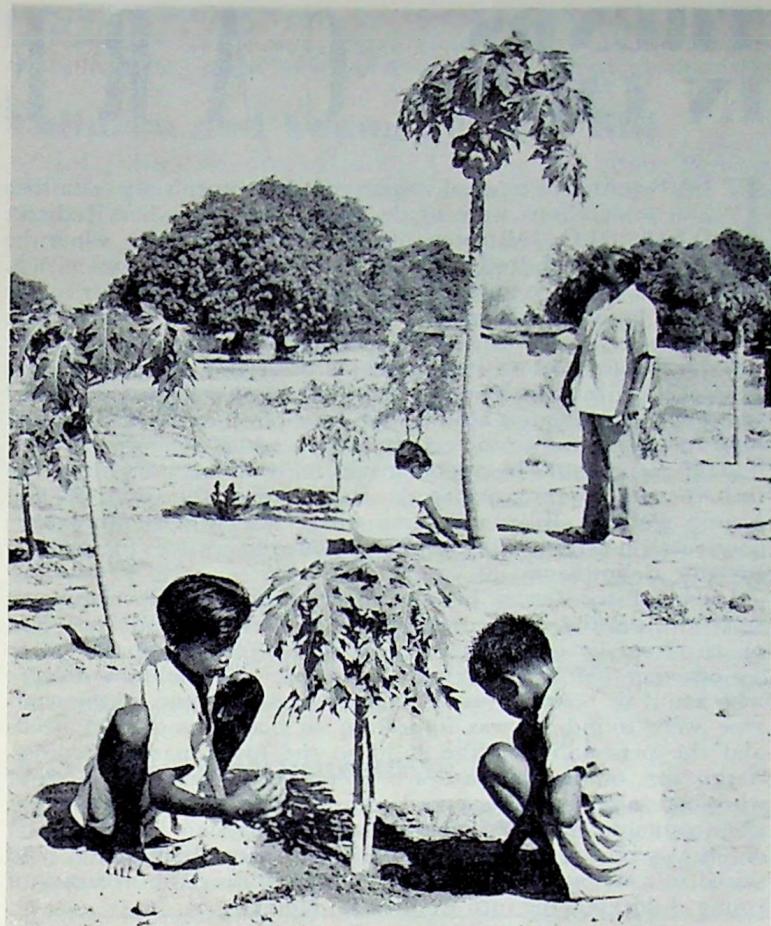
List of addresses of organizations from which publications, films, film strips, photographs and display material can be obtained.

Send a postcard for the pack, after April 22nd, to:—

The World Children's Day Committee,

14/15 Stratford Place,

London, W.1.



UNICEF PHOTO
BY JACK LING

It is a papaya tree children have planted in the school garden . . .

The Orissa State Department of Agriculture (India) is promoting better child nutrition through the school system. Schools are encouraged to keep gardens and to show children how to grow fruits and vegetables, which are used in their daily lunches. The Government provides instruction and supplies such as seed and saplings. The Food and Agriculture Organization is assisting with expert advice, and the United Nations Children's Fund is contributing garden tools and other equipment

TRENDS IN CHILD CARE

FOUR points of especial importance to women's organizations and associations were made by the Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, D.S.O., M.C., Minister of State, Home Office, when he addressed the hundred and fifteenth meeting of the W.V.S. Advisory Council recently on "Trends in Child Care". He appealed to everyone present to help the Home Office to tap the potential of service for the community, which he was sure was far bigger among young people, especially girls, than was generally realized; he made a plea to all organizations to befriend the staff of Residential Homes who were often lonely and needed help to integrate into the community in which they were living; he said there would be opportunities for voluntary organizations to help with preventative work arising out of the Children and Young Persons Bill; and that there was a need for more constructive outlets for young people in order to prevent juvenile delinquency.

Lord Jellicoe began his speech by describing developments since the passing of the 1948 Children Act. Fifty-one per cent of children in care were now boarded out compared with 35 per cent before 1948, but there were still children in care who could be boarded out if sufficient foster parents of the right type were found. It was important to match emotional needs and the personality of the child to the foster parent because, if this sort of care broke down, it was most serious to a child who had already experienced considerable insecurity. It was now common, he said, for Local Authorities to have a panel of short-stay foster homes, and foster parents prepared and suited to take even young babies, thus avoiding the necessity of young children going into Residential Homes.

Residential Care

The lot of children in residential care had also improved since 1948. There were 600 short-stay Local Authority homes with fewer than 12 children, which were a far cry from the cheerless institutions in which children were brought up in the 19th-century and some of which were still in use today. The retention of staff, however, was a great problem and somehow, Lord Jellicoe said, we must make the public more aware of the urgent need for young people, particularly girls, to come forward to do this important and responsible work. Very good publicity

material on work in Residential Homes is available in a "Sense of Belonging", a 16 mm. sound film prepared by the Home Office and the Central Office of Information, length 20 minutes.

• **Children and Young Persons Bill**

Lord Jellicoe then turned to the Children and Young Persons Bill. He considered the most important part of the Bill was Clause 1 which dealt with preventative work. It laid a clear-cut statutory duty on Local Authorities to make available advice, assistance and guidance to prevent circumstances arising which led to the breakdown of the family, and the children being taken into care. The Bill would make it clear that Local Authorities could work through the agency of voluntary organizations, many of which, including W.V.S. were already active in this field. Measures which could be taken included case-work with the family, special accommodation for training mothers, assistance with rent arrears to prevent eviction, and exceptionally, direct assistance in cash. Family advice bureaux could be established to give those in trouble a door on which to knock.

One important matter to be laid down in the Bill was the age of criminal responsibility below which a child could not be found guilty of a criminal offence. An amendment to reduce the age from 12 to 8 had been passed in the House of Lords by one vote and the Government had decided to move an amendment to make the age 10. They felt it wise to fix the age at 10 as an experiment, and were influenced by the high delinquency rate between the ages of 10 and 12.

• **Juvenile Delinquency**

Juvenile delinquency was the final subject of Lord Jellicoe's talk. It was a most baffling and urgent problem which must be dealt with if the quality of life in this country was to be preserved. Research was needed into the cause of the rise of juvenile

The Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, D.S.O., M.P., Minister of State, Home Office, addressed the 115th meeting of the W.V.S. Advisory Council of 95 women's organizations at the Home Office in February and this is an outline of his talk

delinquency in the industrialized and more prosperous communities. Young people today were precocious and had more spare time and more money than previous generations. Constructive outlets and not repressive measures were needed and here again there was much scope for voluntary organizations, acting in partnership with Local and National Government.

OVERSEAS

By ELISABETH WORTH
Overseas Secretary

HELEN MORRISON, formerly Recruiting Secretary in the U.S.A. for the Winant Volunteers, and now our Honorary Secretary for the Lone members there, sends news:—

Greetings from the U.S.A.! We are in a different position here from a great many members in that there are no Branches in our country. We have an average of thirty Toc H W.A. members scattered all over the country. There are not enough members in any one section, even in any one State, to form a Branch. The majority of our members are College students who joined Toc H W.A. while in England with the Winant Volunteers. Others are a bit older, married and with small children, or working at various occupations. They also joined Toc H while in England with Winants of earlier years. Three or four of us are still older and joined at various times and under differing circumstances. We sometimes have folks on our list temporarily while they are making extended visits to the U.S.A. They receive our Easter and Christmas letters and are introduced to members here when possible, but keep in close touch with their home Branches.

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American nurses); members of sewing groups in Churches of various denominations for whatever countries need the relief. A number of our members are wives of ministers of various denominations and those studying for the Ministry. They do much work in connection with the Church as well as community work.

At Christmas and Easter, a letter goes out to all members in an effort to keep the group together in spirit at least, and occasionally letters go to individual members. A lively correspondence is kept up with a member in Australia, who, when she last wrote was working on a committee preparing for a visit from Queen Elizabeth II; a member in New Zealand, and not quite so lively a correspondence with an Edinburgh Branch. From letters I receive from members here I know that Toc H does mean something worthwhile in their lives and they do try as individuals to live up to its ideals, each in her own way and to the best of her ability.

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CENTRAL

REPORT BY JOYCE GREEN

*Photographs by YVETTE FRYMANN
—and many thanks for quick
developments.—Editor.*

*"Martha", Elisabeth Worth
and Miss Nadine Peppard*



BY supper-time on Friday, March 29, most of the 150 weekend residents had arrived at Halliday Hall, Clapham Common, London, for the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Central Council of Toc H Women's Association.

Although, as we are told, "the rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain", we found, for the second consecutive year, that in Clapham it stays on the Common. Fortunately the dullness outside was dispelled by the brightness inside, where a smooth-running programme was helped along by the friendly atmosphere.

We were all very disappointed that, due to travel fatigue, Miss Macfie was unable to share the Council discussions, but had the opportunity of seeing some coloured slides of her recent tour during the Welcoming Session on Friday evening. Mr. John Callif, Toc H Administrator, gave an account of his recent visit to South and Central Africa, illustrated by coloured slides, and spoke of the imaginative part the Women's Branches were playing there. We were also pleased to have visits from Tubby during the weekend.





COUNCIL WEEKEND 1963

at
HALLIDAY HALL
CLAPHAM COMMON
LONDON, S.W.4

“Changing Communities”

For our Conference Session on Saturday morning, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Elisabeth Worth, we were fortunate in having as speaker Miss Nadine Peppard, Assistant Secretary, London Council of Social Service, and Secretary, Immigrants' Advisory Committee. Speaking of the “Changing Communities”, Miss Peppard outlined some of the changes that had taken place since the second world war. The break-up of family life with children being more independent, women going out to work in large numbers for the first time, and men finding a wider view of life through travelling further afield with the Services. The great increase in medical science, often giving the physically handicapped a new independence to live in the community again. The post-war rebuilding and essential slum clearance, leading to the building of new towns, and the beginning of



They paraded with banners—Jean Perry's idea to show that a deficit can be shown up to good advantage!

large-scale immigration, particularly from the West Indies. All these brought great changes to our communities. To help to meet the challenges of these changes, the National Council of Social Service brings the voluntary and statutory services, together with probation officers and others, under one umbrella, and much imaginative work is being done in different parts of the country. In this work, Miss Peppard said, it is not enough to have little groups taking on responsibilities, but it is important that there should be ever-widening circles involving more and more people.

Council Meeting

The Council Meeting, with Mrs. Nora Bloxham in the Chair, opened with the Ceremony of Light taken by our President, the Countess of Harrowby. A message had been sent to our Patron, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, saying:

The Central Council of Toc H Women's Association assembled at Halliday Hall, Clapham Common on the 30th and 31st March for their Annual Meetings send loyal and affectionate greetings to their Patron.

25th March, 1963.

and this was her reply from Clarence House:

*The Chairman,
Central Council, Toc H Women's Association,
Halliday Hall,
Clapham Common.*

I am most grateful for your kind message.

I send my warmest good wishes to all Members of the Central Council of Toc H Women's Association. May your valuable work expand and prosper in the year ahead.

*ELIZABETH R.
Patron*

30th March, 1963.

After welcoming the Councillors and others invited to attend, the messages of apology and greeting were read out, and the Minutes of the previous year's meeting approved. The only matter arising was that of the proposed experiment to replace Area Councils and District Teams by one body consisting of representatives from each Branch. Miss Elsa Perrin said that this experiment was being tried out in North London, but that it was too early to make any report on its success.

The appointments of Lady Metcalfe as a Vice-President and Mrs. L. Prideaux Brune as a Trustee were unanimously agreed, and the appointments of Miss Hope as Hon. Treasurer and Miss Fowler as General Secretary were also warmly confirmed.

Annual Report

In presenting the Annual Report, Miss Fowler spoke of the buoyant spirit of the Fortieth Birthday Year, marked by Thanksgiving Services and gatherings large and small, which demonstrated the thrill of belonging to a world-wide family. Looking overseas, Miss Fowler drew attention to Australia, where the 422 members had supported a full-time staff member for nearly six years, and to Central Africa, where an increased membership was making a distinctive contribution in contemporary situations.

On the home front four pointers were given; first, that in our service we may need to act more as auxiliaries to the professionals; it is important that the right person be chosen for the right job, and that Toc H's name should always be linked with reliability. Barbara Vise's appointment as Public Relations Consultant for the 40th Birthday Year had been most helpful, and as good relations cannot be built overnight, this had now been extended for a further year. During the two years that Miss Christina Lee had been Schools' Secretary the number of affiliated schools had risen from 8 to 41. Last year Miss Lee worked mainly with grammar schools, and this year with secondary modern schools, to be followed later by training colleges. The stepping-up of closer partnership with Toc H in thought and action, especially through J.A.C.'s, was also stressed.

"We are not satisfied or complacent about the year passed", Miss Fowler said, "but with the spirit of happiness quickened by the events of the year we should be poised and powered for a concerted forward move in 1963".

Two points arising from the discussion of the Report were that a recent Job Survey showed that 32 per cent of our time and powers were spent in helping Old People. On the matter of extension, Miss Elsa Perrin gave a lively word-picture of the start of a unit in Stevenage New Town, and added that today we had to go out to get people in; it was no use sitting back on our chairs waiting for them to come.

The Accounts

In presenting the Accounts, Miss Muirhead Hope said that we should be weighing our finances rightly and spending them in the right proportion. On the budgeted estimates for the current year, based on the present rate of income, we would be faced with a deficit. We must therefore consider how this could be met; by increasing our income from the membership; by increasing our membership; by cutting expenses or by drawing on our legacies. Miss Jean Perry, following on with practical ways of increasing our income, said that money was

being raised for other good causes, but we should also remember our own Family Purse. Last year 126 Branches made no Special Effort, and it was suggested that where Branches are too small to do anything on their own they should be helped by larger Branches. Many more people could help by signing Deeds of Covenant.

Motions and Projects

The N.W. Birmingham District motion "That members of the Central Executive Committee represent territorial divisions and that the present system of election be abolished" was proposed by Mrs. Jean Tunnadine and seconded by Miss Mary Taylor. After discussion this was put to the vote and the motion lost.

The result of the voting for the 15 places to be filled on the Central Executive Committee was as follows (the seven members elected on the Council in *italics*): Miss C. Beasley (Western), Miss H. Beeton (Eastern), *Mrs. M. Berry* (West Midlands), Mrs. Bloxham (London and Home Counties), *Mrs. P. Booth* (North Western), *Miss J. Green* (London and Home Counties), Mrs. A. Lochtie (Scotland), *Miss A. McKenzie* (Scotland), *Mrs. G. Mosedale* (Eastern), Miss K. Owen (London), *Dr. M. Rampling* (North Western), Mrs. M. Russell (Eastern), Mrs. B. Thurlow (London and Home Counties), Mrs. R. Wilson (North Wales), *Mrs. K. Wray* (North and East Midlands).

The second motion, "That the Central Council authorizes a badge of office for the Chairman of an Area Council for use on official occasions: the cost to be the responsibility of the Area Council" was proposed on behalf of Woden District by Miss Betty Kuphal and seconded by Miss Mary Birnie, but again, after discussion and voting, the motion was lost.

The Councillors then discussed the suggestions received for Jubilee Projects, which included a Women's Hostel in London, a "Bridgehead" Home for Girls, a Home for Elderly Toe H folk and a Training and Holiday Centre. A good deal of prior work had been done in obtaining figures of capital and/or running costs for such projects as a London Hostel and the "Bridgehead" scheme, so that Councillors had before them an idea of today's price trends.

Saturday Evening

A day of concentration and discussion ended on a light note provided by an "Any Questions?" panel under the Chairmanship of an elegantly be-hatted Barbara Vise. The Panel consisted of Miss Brenda Clayson, Editor of "School and College", Miss Diana Sherwin, of the Women's Section, "Farmer's

Weekly", Mr. Patrick Eavis, a Methodist Schoolmaster, and Father A. J. E. Reid. The questions, both serious and humorous, asked from the audience, received equally serious and witty answers from the Panel, and caused a great deal of amusement as well as setting everybody wondering how *they* would have answered the questions.

On Sunday

Despite losing an hour's sleep as "Official Summertime" came in, Councillors were sufficiently awake to discuss West Wiltshire's item, "In view of the problem of finance and money-raising in general, how can we present the ideal of self-assessment in a successful way, so that the membership consistently helps the whole Movement?" and also to clarify the position with regard to Projects. It was agreed that, in view of the present financial position, no new capital burden be undertaken at the present time but that having in mind the Saturday morning talk on "Changing Communities" we should continue to build up the Jubilee Fund ready for the need when it emerged. It was agreed that as a 40th Birthday thank-offering part of the Sheldon legacy should be used as an impetus for the Bridgehead Project in the West Midlands Area.

After lunch, Councillors and luggage piled into three coaches for the journey north to the City of London, where the weekend culminated in a Service at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, taken by the Rev. Michael Rowden, with an address by the Rev. D. A. V. Worth. A final cup of tea at Crutched Friars House, and Councillors were homeward bound with notebooks full of notes ready to report back to their Branches.

Can you help with

During the week beginning April 29th a National Appeal is being made by W.V.S. for clothing, particularly for men and children. As a result of heavy demands made during the cold weather W.V.S. stocks are dangerously low.

Every year W.V.S. provides clothing for some 200,000 needy people in Great Britain and, in addition, must be ready to give emergency help to people such as those who, after a recent train crash, found themselves stranded in the snow in their night clothes.

Please support this appeal and ask your friends to do the same. W.V.S. will welcome any help which Toc H members can give in this or other ways.

Enquire at your local W.V.S. Centre.

THIS

JOB

?

a GOOD JOB →

RECENTLY Toc H Headquarters asked Streatham for a report on the Builder Branch at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables at Streatham Common.

Streatham wondered if this might be of any interest to other Branches, especially those who wanted to attract more Builders.

For many years now, some of our members have been visiting this home and doing various jobs there for the patients. In the summer, for instance, the men arrange to take as many as wish to go, to the Rookery Open Air Theatre on Streatham Common; in December, we arrange for the Not Forgotten Association Ambulance to take about twelve of them shopping to the West End Stores.

It seems that the patients appreciated all this and wanted to know more about Toc H, a Movement which caused its members to appear and do these jobs, come wind, come weather. Accordingly, in 1956 those of the Streatham Women's Association Branch who were free in the afternoons decided to give a series of short talks about Toc H to which all who were interested could come.

We had good audiences.

And the outcome of the meetings was that later in 1956 several of the patients wanted to be linked with Toc H in some particular way. It seemed to us that they would be right as Builders.

Now the patients who are Builders fulfil their trust to the utmost, supporting each year our World Chain of Prayer, upholding our work by prayer and interest and, from a practical angle, collecting used nylons from which stuffing for toys can be made.

LOOK OUT FOR THE PICTURE-STORY
OF OUR "MARTHA"
IN THE NEXT
"L O G"

attracting BUILERS

reported by MARJORIE
ROURKE of Streatham

Following this keen interest and the proud possession by forty-three patients of the Builder badge, we felt we should continue the meetings—with talks, quizzes, the showing of colour transparencies, visits from a blind man and his guide dog and from a policewoman to describe her work—which are held every six or eight weeks.

There were at the Home a few men who, before coming there, had been Toc H Builders. When news got round about our meetings, they joined in and we now have a total of five men among our Builder force of forty-three at the Home, affectionately known to us as the B.H.I.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN TERRY

IN the passing of Joan Terry, Toc H has sustained a great loss, and I particularly say "Toc H" because it is by the whole family of the Women's Association that her loss will be felt. To our newer members—Joan came back to Fleet after being evacuated with her business firm to Brighton during the war years and with her came the desire to found a Toc H Branch here. She had been a keen member of the Brighton Branch and lost no time in realizing that Fleet could help "strengthen the good thing thus begun". So, in 1947, Joan, with the support of Mrs. Mary Lindsay (now in Bexhill), Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Galsworthy and Mrs. Loram, formed a Branch of Toc H Women's Association. I myself became a member before the first birthday was celebrated and shall always remember Joan as a vitally knowledgeable and inspiring Person. Many of us now can picture her with her pencil and notebook—without which at any meeting one never saw her—always ready to jot down any "business arising" and for many years the most familiar expression was "we must ask Joan". Serving as Branch member, Executive Committee member, and Central Councillor, Joan knew all the answers, not because of assertiveness, but because all that appertained to our Movement was her heartfelt interest. She was efficient and thorough. For Joan, Toc H stood for SERVICE. It meant the call to serve wherever there was a need.

M.B.



*Photo: by courtesy of the
SOUTH DEVON JOURNAL*

*Surprise packet
from Salcombe . . .*

No^ts and Ne^ws

BEDFORD: Helen Temple sends a cutting from *The Bedfordshire Times* which gives an excellent outline of what Toc H Women's Association is doing in that area and the background of the Association's attitude to life. She writes, one of the reporters of the newspaper, having come into contact with Toc H in a small way while doing her job, felt she would like to write something about us. One of our members, whom she knows from attending some of the various meetings to which our Branch representative goes, was able to give her some literature on Toc H and, with this and the list of jobs we do, she wrote her article.

In February we gave our annual party for elderly people; out of the fifty-seven invited only three could not come.

CROMER and the U.S. Air Force, writes Molly Oxenford, joined together to give many old people a very happy day on January 9th. Disabled men from the British Legion Club were pushed in chairs by the Toc H men, who also helped by transporting many other guests in their cars, as it was a cold and snowy day. Chaplain Barrett, of the U.S. Air Base at Sculthorpe, presented a giant cake made by one of the men, in the shape of an open Bible, with three verses from St. Luke's Gospel clearly written in pink icing. This was cut by the oldest guest, helped by the Chaplain and "Mum" Gyton, a Founder member of the Branch.

Mrs. Loynes had put on a splendid tea which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 70 guests, among whom were 14 children, who gave a delightful puppet show after tea. While sweets and cigarettes were handed round, Mrs. Loynes sang some favourite old songs, and the party closed with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne" followed by Home-Going Prayers. Bouquets were presented to "Mum" Gyton and Mrs. Loynes for all their hard work for the Branch over many years.

Part of the cake was also sent round to all the old folk who had been unable to come to the party and to a children's home and three other Homes where members of the Branch usually help.

DENBIGH: To mark the 40th Birthday Anniversary, reports Dylis Young, our Branch held a sale of work in the Open-Air Market Place. Then we divided up the proceeds with a donation to Headquarters, a gift to the Rhyl Toc H Children's Holiday Camp and, with the rest of the money, we presented four chairs for the Chapel of Rest at the Denbigh Infirmary and a wall-clock for the maternity ward. At the dedication ceremony, representation was made from all over the district. We, in the remote parts of North Wales, seldom get mention in *THE LOG*

but despite weather conditions and transport difficulties are a loyal and willing band of workers for the Movement.

(If you don't get mentioned, is that because you don't tell us about the interesting things you are doing? We can't guess!—Editor.)

EXMOUTH WITH BUDLEIGH SALTERTON organized a coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale in aid of the Freedom from Hunger campaign. We were very happy to be able to hand over the sum of £15 as a result, writes Florence Saunders.

HAYWARDS HEATH: Peggy Gristwood sends this extract from a letter received by the Branch from the Shatin Babies Home, Hong Kong: "Thank you so much for your gift of £5 towards the expenses of the children's shoes, this really is a gift we appreciate. The gift of £10 you sent towards something special, we are using to have a filter fitted to one of our taps. This makes it possible to drink the water straight from the tap and saves us boiling all our water. We were also very pleased to receive your parcel containing so many useful things. The clothing was most useful."

HOVE: In November, reports E. Rogers, we had a talk by the Rabbi Fabricant on the Jewish faith. Afterwards he invited us to visit his Synagogue—and early in February this year some twenty-eight members from Brighton, Hove and Patcham met outside the Middle Street Synagogue, Brighton. The Rabbi took us inside and showed us around and told us about the various items of interest. We are now looking forward to hearing the Cantor at a special recital or tape recording.

LOWESTOFT: Our Christmas Party, reports Pat Rix, for Mentally Handicapped Children has now become an annual affair and one to which the children seem to look forward.

PESTALOZZI Children's Village Trust, at Sedlescombe near Battle in Sussex, are holding their Annual General Meeting on 22nd May, 1963, in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1. Sir John Wolfenden, President of the Trust, will Chair the Meeting and the Guest Speaker will be the Founder of Gordonstoun School, Dr. Kurt Hahn. The Village itself will be open to the public, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m., on Saturday, 22nd June, 1963. The majority of the children now living there are refugees from Displaced Persons camps on the Continent, but recently some children from Tibet have joined the inhabitants of this international children's Village.

SALCOMBE: L. Payne reports, during the 40th Birthday Year we held a Coffee Morning as a "Special Effort" and a Garden Party. As a result of these events we were able to distribute some forty or fifty food parcels at Christmas. We are getting more members now to take THE LOG.

(*Good! Go on keeping THE LOG up to date with good news—and keeping up to date, by reading THE LOG, with what other Branches are up to and what is happening in the Association.*
—Editor.)

SANDOWN: Last year was our first effort, writes Elfreda Jarman, in Church Drama; then we did *Star of a Thousand Years* and great pleasure and co-operation was the result. So this year the District Team asked if I would write another drama and *Carols and Gifts* was enjoyed by everyone. We in the Island do not send you much copy for THE LOG but we can assure you we are not behind in our Service or Fellowship among the elderly,

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LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR,

As you know, at this time of year we try to make known our children's holiday scheme and I shall be most grateful for any help you can give us in obtaining offers of private hospitality for children from families with whom we are working. Perhaps you would be kind enough to mention our need in your Log.

We are working with families where the parents have been overwhelmed by personal and domestic problems. The children could gain much from a holiday especially with someone who will give them a warm friendly welcome. This is a valuable new experience for them as well as giving them greater fitness for the winter. We select the children, and check that they are free from illness. We are not able to accept all offers, for instance those too far away from any of our Units.

I should be pleased to send further details to anyone interested.

A. F. PHILP
(Secretary, Family Service Units,
207 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1)

DEAR EDITOR.

Briefly L.S.D. Looking Back! Balance sheets of Branch life used to show how we raised our money, how we dispensed it to Toc H and various charities. The amount of cash in hand was revealed by the treasurer, and the Branch decided the amount which should be forwarded to H.Q.

These last few years, an idea has projected itself that nothing should be shown on the balance sheet except the full total to Toc H and the cash in hand.

Surely it is right and sensible that we are encouraged to support some local projects and that the balance sheet reveals that we do so!

Further, "Special Efforts" may become a strain, if we continually try to keep up with a previous effort.

Suggestion! "Special Effort" to be held every three or five years in each District or Area, organized by Member of Staff

and representative for each Branch. This would enable Branches to have a breather, make for closer relationship in District or Area, and also give an interest to the ordinary Member who never gets the chance to attend spectacular events.

I am convinced Branch Membership would increase, if the emphasis were more local.

Public money must of necessity be given to H.Q., unless specifically contributed. Apart from annual subscriptions, these two facts are surely the only restriction on Branch finance which is valid.

Please! encourage a little local interest and discourage too much emphasis on London.

Good propaganda for Toc H would be a combined film of beneficial local help.

If our presence was felt in local affairs the Membership would increase.

Please hope you can spare room to see what others think!

H. G. JONES

(Nottingham Member)

(This letter will almost certainly call for comment in the July Log.—EDITOR.)

DEAR EDITOR,

I should be most grateful if you could insert a "Thank You" in THE LOG for all the parcels that were received from the various Branches for the Parcel Post Stall at the bazaar in aid of All Hallows before Christmas.

The parcels were so numerous that it would be impossible to write to all Branches and people individually, so I would be grateful for this medium.

With grateful thanks.

MARGERY WAREHAM

DEAR EDITOR.

How nice it would be if we really lived like a family, sharing each other's troubles and joys, instead of just meeting once a week, and putting on an act with happy faces and lots of chin wagging, not really knowing what Jane, or Jim has in front of him when he gets home. I'm very interested in THE LOG and especially the letter by Madge Hancock on Mothers' Day.

The greatest word in the world is the word "mother". Today and everyday should be Mothers' Day or there is no real Mothers' Day, the fate of the world lies in the mothers of the future; and the world is what the mothers make it and the improvement in men through the ages is the mothers' work. A father may turn his back on his children, brothers and sisters may become

inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands, but a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on. The mothers of the world have created its civilization, as they still create its population.

The love of mothers, their care for their children, changed savages of the cave days into the semi-civilized beings of today. The desire of the mother to have a settled and safe abode for her children, changed the human race from migratory hordes, wandering from place to place, to settled populations, families firmly established, villages, towns, cities, and great nations.

In every life story of a man, almost without exception, you find thanks, and praise and devotion for mothers. Man may well respect his mother if he wishes to respect himself, for that which is good in him comes from his mother. Every mother has done her duty, she has obeyed God's commands, has suffered that another might live, she has given all that she could to the world. God bless the women of Toc H.

“GINGER”
(Northumberland)

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